

2005 Major Regulation Changes

Lake Superior — Brook Trout

On L. Superior the minimum size limit for brook trout is 20 inches and the possession limit is one fish. Within 4.5 miles of Isle Royale (Isle Royale National Park waters), catch and release only; no possession.

Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters — Muskellunge

For the Menominee R. (from Hattie Street Dam downstream to the end of the breakwalls in Green Bay), the minimum size limit on muskellunge is 50 inches.

For additional updates remember to check the Exceptions to General Regulations by County beginning on p. 14. Make sure you review and understand: Lawful fishing methods and unlawful activities on p. 4-5. A list of common fishing terms can be found on p. 18.

Purchase your fishing license (and more) online at www.michigan.gov/dnr

LICENSE TYPE	COST
DNR Sportcard	\$1.00
Resident	
24 hr. (Good for all species for a designated 24-hour period)	\$7.00
Senior (65 or older)	\$3.00
Restricted (Good for all species EXCEPT trout and salmon)	\$15.00
Upgrade to All Species	\$13.00
Senior (65 or older)	\$6.00
Upgrade to All Species	\$5.20
All-Species (Good for all species. Required on all designated trout streams and lakes. See the 2005 Inland Trout and Salmon Guide)	\$28.00
Senior (65 or older)	\$11.20
Military (residents serving in the U.S. Military, who are stationed outside of Michigan) See page 4.	\$1.00
Nonresident	
24 hr. (Good for all species for a designated 24-hour period)	\$7.00
Restricted (Good for all species EXCEPT trout and salmon)	\$34.00
All Species (Good for all species. Required on all designated trout streams and lakes. See the 2005 Inland Trout and Salmon Guide)	\$42.00
Voluntary	
Young Angler All Species (Good for all species). Residents or nonresidents under the age of 17.	\$2.00
Sportsperson Discount	
A 15 percent discount is provided when four or more licenses are purchased at one time for the same person. The 24-hour fishing license, all-species upgrade, waterfowl hunting license and restricted hunting applications are not eligible for this discount.	
Lost Licenses	
You may purchase a replacement license at any license dealer. You must provide the identification number used to purchase the original license. The cost of the replacement license will be determined at the license terminal.	

All-species fishing licenses are required for all anglers, age 17 or older, to take and possess trout and salmon from any public waters. This license also is required when fishing the following waters:

- All trout lakes designated by the DNR under FO-200 (All Type A, all Type D and certain Type B lakes).
- All Type 5, 6 and 7 streams designated by the DNR under FO-200.
- All waters of the Great Lakes when trout and/or salmon are the target species.
- All designated trout streams (FO-210) when trout and/or salmon are the target species.
- Regulations for trout and salmon fishing on inland waters are in the **2005 Inland Trout and Salmon Guide**. Accessible online at: www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Licensing Requirements:

- You must purchase a license if you are 17 years of age or older. **If you are under 17, you may fish without a license, but you are required to observe all fishing rules and regulations.**
- You must have the license in your possession when fishing and the identification used to purchase that license.
- Your fishing license is valid from March 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006.

To purchase a fishing license, you must have:

- A valid Michigan Driver License.
- A valid Michigan ID Card (issued by the Secretary of State) with additional proof of Michigan residency, such as a Michigan voter registration card.
- A DNR Sportcard (issued by license dealers). If the information on your DNR Sportcard from a previous year is still accurate, you may continue to use it.

To qualify for a resident license, you must:

- Have a permanent residence in Michigan, or
- Be a full-time student at a Michigan college or university, or
- Serve full time in the U.S. Military and be officially stationed in Michigan.

The ownership of land in Michigan by itself is not qualification for a resident license.

The following special provisions exist:

Residents serving in the Armed Forces: Persons serving in the U.S. Military, who, at the time of enlistment, were residents of Michigan and have maintained residence status for the purposes of obtaining a driver license or voting and who are stationed outside the state, may purchase a resident all-species license for \$1. Applicants must present proof of military status and leave papers when applying for the discounted licenses. This license, available at DNR Operations Service Centers (see p. 24) and at license retail outlets statewide, is valid for up to two weeks during an open season. The license buyer can designate the exact fishing period.

Residents who are blind or disabled: A resident who is declared legally blind or a resident who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled and entitled to veteran benefits at the 100% rate (with proof of same) is eligible to purchase ANY of the senior fishing licenses.

Mentally disabled persons: and residents of a home for the aged (licensed under the Public Health Code) may fish without a license if they are a member of a group, and accompanied by one or more licensed adults who possess a permit issued by the DNR. Permits are available at DNR Operations Service Centers (see p.24).

Lawful Fishing Methods

Bait: Any fish (except lampreys, live carp, and goldfish) and frogs may be used as bait when legally taken and possessed. Wigglers (mayfly nymphs) and other aquatic nymphs and larvae may also be used for bait, but may not be taken from any trout stream except for personal use on the same stream. Crayfish may be taken for bait for personal use. See special exceptions on Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters (p. 12).

Bow Fishing: Bows may be used on certain waters for certain species. See Table 5 (p. 11).

Dip Nets: Dip nets may be used for bowfin, carp, gar, smelt, and suckers in non-trout streams. A permit is required from a DNR office if equipment is to be left overnight. See Table 4, Netting (p. 10).

Gaffs: Gaffs may be used to help land lawfully hooked fish on all waters **except** on a trout stream.

Gear Restrictions: On all streams (including tributaries to the Great Lakes) from August 1 through May 31, it shall be unlawful to use multi-pointed hooks exceeding 3/8 inch between point and shank and/or single-pointed hooks exceeding 1/2 inch between point and shank. Also on all streams during this period it shall be unlawful to use lures exceeding one ounce. The Detroit R., St. Clair R. and St. Marys R. are exempt from these restrictions.

Hand Nets: Hand nets may be used to help land lawfully hooked fish. During April, May, and June, hand nets larger than 5 1/2 feet in circumference or having a handle exceeding 14 inches in length **may not** be used or possessed on designated trout streams except as provided in Table 4 (p. 10). Hand nets may also be used to take bowfin, carp, gar, smelt, and suckers. See Table 4, General Netting Regulations (p. 10).

Hook and Line Fishing: Fish so taken must be hooked in the mouth. Fish not hooked in the mouth must be returned to the water immediately. No more than two lines per person (including tip-ups) nor more than four hooks or lures may be used. **Except:** on L. Michigan, L. Huron, L. Superior and the St. Marys R., those persons in the act of trolling while targeting trout/salmon may use 3 rods/lines and attach no more than six hooks total on all lines. *All hooks attached to an artificial bait or "night crawler harness" are counted as one hook. Hooks must be baited or attached to an artificial bait. You